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1. AT POLADS MEETING FEB 12, ALL WHO SPOKE GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE LINES AND CONCLUSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF PAPER ON FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF WARSAW PACT (REF A). NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN REPS NOTED USSR NOT NOW ACTIVELY PURSUING LINE OF ABOLISHING BOTH NATO AND WP. US REP DREW UPON REF B, AND OTHER POLADS HAD SIMILARY INSTRUCTIONS ON ONE OR BOTH POINTS.

2. CANADIAN REP REPORTED THAT A WELL-PLACED ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT IN BUDAPEST SAID HIS COUNTRY HAD NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING FROM PACT, BUT RATHER WAS LOOKING TOWARD STAGE BEYON DETENTE IN EUROPE WHEN BLOCS WOULD NO LONGER BE NECESSARY. NEVERTHELESS, FRG REP SAID HIS GOVT HAD "INDICATIONS" THE ROMANIANS MIGHT HAVE ADVANCED QUESTIONS ABOUT REVISIONS IN PACT, NOT TO ACHIEVE CHANGES BUT AS A COUNTERMEASURE TO REVISIONS THE ROMANIANS SUSPECTED THE SOVIETS MIGHT PROPOSE.

3. CANADIAN REP SAID OTTAWA WOULD LIKE ALLIED VIESS ON WHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVANTAGES THE PACT OFFERED THE SOVIETS THAT COULD NOT BE EASILY SUBSTITUTED FOR BY OTHER MEANS. WHAT INITIATIVES MIGHT THE SOVIETS TAKE IN THE ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL SPHERES TO REINFORCE THE PACT? HOW MIGHT THE PACT TREAT NATO 25TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION?

4. POLADS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS AGAIN FEB 19 ON IS PAPER
AND RELATED SUBJECTS. MCAULIFFE

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